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Title: *Processing management information*

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Response to first Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Summary of the prosecution

On 12/30/02, Examiner mailed a first Office action in the above application in which he required a new Declaration, required correction of the Drawing as specified in the *Notice of Draftperson's patent drawing review,* PTO-948, objected to the Drawing as having two identical figures, and required correction of the drawing; objected to the Specification; and objected to various informalities in claims 11, 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 28, and 43. Examiner further rejected claims 2-23, 39-62, 64-94, and 96-125 for indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejected claims 1, 24, 28, 29, 31, 34, 35-37, 38, 63, and 95 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Lowery, *Managing projects with Microsoft Project 4.0 for Windows and Macintosh,* version 4.0, Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1994 (henceforth

"Lowery"), rejected claims 25, 33, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lowery combined with *ManagePro 2.0 for Windows, version 2.0, Reference Manual,* Avantos Performance Systems, Inc., 1993 (henceforth "Managepro"), and rejected claims 26, 27, 30, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Lowery in combination with published U.S. patent application 2001/0027455, Abulleil et al., having an effective filing date of 8/21/98 (henceforth "Abulleil"). Applicant is amending his Specification, Drawing, and claims to overcome the objections thereto and is

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traversing the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

A petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R 1.36 and the fee therefor accompany this response.